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July 2000—The Time Has Finally Come— *Construction* *begins* at Elliott Avenue West Site

Right now, untreated CSOs are discharged to Lake Union between 10 and 115 times per year, depending on rainfall and other weather conditions. They are discharged about 50 times per year into Elliott Bay at Myrtle Edwards Park.

When the Denny/Lake Union Project is completed, treated flows will be discharged 4 to 20 times per year, and untreated CSOs will be discharged one time per year (on average) at each remaining CSO outfall location.

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King County Department of Natural Resources is now starting construction of the Mercer Street Tunnel portion of the Denny Way/Lake Union Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Project. This joint project between King County and Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) will control discharges of combined sanitary sewage and stormwater that are currently released into Lake Union and Elliott Bay during heavy rains.

Construction of the project will extend over four and one-half years, and will be accomplished through five construction contracts. Construction will affect three general areas:

- The Elliott West CSO Facility site at 545 Elliott Avenue West,
- The outfall area and pathways in Myrtle Edwards and Elliott Bay Parks,
- South Lake Union in the areas of Valley Street at Fairview to Roy, 8th Avenue North and Broad Streets, and Republican Street between 8th and 9th Avenues North.